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The success of the recent elections in Cambodia, on which I reported to the Security Council in document S/25913 of 10 June 1993, marks the beginning of a particularly delicate phase in the country's transition from conflict to peace and democracy.

During the coming months it will be essential that the Interim Joint Administration structures be able to function properly, and that neither social unrest nor macro-economic disorder be allowed to take hold. It is also important that all those serving in the public domain - be they civil servants, police or members of the armed forces - begin the process of redirecting their allegiances from the factions of the past to the future constitutional Government.

This will contribute to a more stable environment for the Constituent Assembly to complete its work and a smooth and orderly transfer to the new Government of Cambodia as envisaged in the Paris Agreements. It is in the interests of Cambodia and of all those that have supported the peace process that these objectives be attained. Yet there is mounting evidence that without sufficient external support these goals may be in jeopardy.

After careful consideration, I have therefore concluded, on the recommendation of my Special Representative for Cambodia and in consultation with a number of concerned Governments, that urgent measures must be taken to enable UNTAC to provide, for the remainder of the transitional period, and in consultation with the Cambodian authorities, emergency financial assistance in support of the process of restructuring and adjustment of the administrative, police and military structures of the Interim Joint Administration. My Special Representative has advised that the amount of funding required to achieve the objectives for the remainder of the transitional period would be $20 million.

It is my view that such a step is fully consistent with the uniquely broad mandate which UNTAC has been given by the Security Council to help implement the Paris Agreements. It would also be a relatively modest additional outlay to ensure that the remarkable progress towards peace that has already occurred in Cambodia is not interrupted and that the United Nations endeavours are brought to a successful conclusion.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Council.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI